GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Sterilization of Dogs
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of stray/ undomesticated dogs in the country at present, State-wise;
(b) the number of dogs sterilized during the last three years;
(c) the names of NGOs which have been entrusted with the responsibility in this regard;
(d) whether some NGOs have not completed their task of sterilization of dogs despite having been paid Rs. 17 lakhs and if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether the Government has set any time frame for said purpose and if so, the details thereof; and
(f) the action taken by the Government against the NGOs which have not completed their task on time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) does not have the information regarding the total number of stray dogs in the Country. The Information regarding the number of stray dogs as published in the 19th Livestock Census 2012 by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture in both Rural and Urban areas in the States/Union Territories is 17138349 numbers as per table number 79 of the above report which is enclosed as Annexure I.

(b) The number of dogs sterilized for which the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) has released grants-in-aid under the Scheme for Birth Control and Immunization of stray dogs during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are as under:-

Year Number of dogs sterilised
2012-13 89708
2013-14 48405
2014-15 31341

In addition to this, several Municipal Corporations are carrying out sterilisation programme for street dogs from their own resources. AWBI has no information about the number of dogs being sterilised by them

(c) The names of NGOs who have carried out sterilization out of the grant-in-aid released during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 is enclosed at Annexure II.
(d) There is no organization that we know, who has been paid ?17 lakhs and not completed the sterilization of dogs.
(e) As per Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001, it is the responsibility of the local authority or the Municipal Corporation to control the Street dog population.
(f) Action is taken against the Animal Welfare Organizations as per the guidelines of the Scheme and General Financial Rules if there is any default on their part in carrying out the sterilization.
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